


GOOD FRIEND LOST TO CHESS PLAYERS

Death of Prof. Rice Robs Sport of One of Its Consistent Supporters.



**FOX AND MOORMAN PLAY
SEVERAL SKITTLE GAMES**

Splendid Contests Taking Place Between Local Master and Southern Champion.

With the death of Prof. Isaac L. Rice last week chess and chess players in this country have lost their best friend and most generous patron. Indeed, it is doubtful if in the whole world and in the entire history of the game any individual has done so much toward the advancement, both in theory and popularity, of the royal pastime as Prof. Rice. Within the past month he had endowed a master tournament and a problem composing tourney, donating the sum of \$1,150 to these events. In the business world his place will be filled, but in the realm of chess he leaves a perpetual vacancy.

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little Briton is surely different from many fighters, for he was willing to give his opponent all the credit due and a bit more, something few of them ever do. Wells is nearing the thirty-year mark, but he is one of the boxers who always has taken care of himself and has not much more fight left. Before returning east Wells said he was thinking seriously of coming west and had located at Milwaukee or Paul.

Johnny Kilbane, the world feather-weight champion, need no longer worry over his fight with the challenger, for a championship battle. There is one boy in the east who is very anxious to meet the Cleveland champion in a little bout. That boy is George Haney, who has been scoring knock-outs the past year and who is considered a legitimate contender for the title. His manager, Henry Bletzer, says that he has offered Kilbane \$5,000 to engage in a fifteen-round bout, a decision, in Baltimore and he has posted a forfeit of \$1,000 for weight

The third annual tournament of the National Correspondence Chess Association of which W. N. Woodbury of Roanoke, Va., the present correspondence champion of the United States, is president, will start January 1. The entrance fee to this event is \$5 in addition to the regular membership fee, and only accredited players, those who have competed in a correspondence play, are eligible to compete in the main tournament.

Boris Kostics, the "blindfold" master, scheduled to appear before the Washington Chess Club at 8 p. m. on Thursday and Friday, failed to either

The match between the Home Club chess players and the Georgetown Chess Club team resulted in a victory for the first named players by the score of 10 to 2. Georgetown will tackle the Press Club chess sharks in the near future.

Within the past few weeks a great many new players are being added to the club, among them being Robert L. Macneil, who has just joined the Capital City club. Macneil is a native Scot as he is known in Scotland, is the forty-fifth chief in lineal descent of the Macneils of Barra, and consequently is the head of one of the most ancient houses in the world, and there is a saying in the Scottish highlands that they declined Noah's ark, as they could not find a place where they had a boat of their own.

The score of the following game is from a most interesting skittle series now going on at the Washington Chess and Billiard Club. The champion is the southern champion, W. L. Moorman, and A. W. Fox. While the score at the end of the first series was 4 to 1 in favor of the local master, the closeness of this contest is not adequately shown by the following record. Every game has been a bitter battle.

REY LOPEZ.

Fox.	Moorman.	Lopez.
1.	1.	1.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P-K4	P-K4	1 P-K4	P-K4
2 K-K3	K1-QB3	2 Q-R8	K1-Q8
3 R-K5	P-QR3	3 R-K4	QxP
4 K-R3	K-R3	4 P-K4	P-R4
5 P-Q4	Kt-P4	5 P-Pp	QxP
6 P-R4	P-KK4	6 Kt-Rch	Rck1
7 P-Q3	P-Q3	7 Kt-Rch	P-Q8
8 P-P4	P-K4	8 R-R4	P-Q8
9 P-R3	R-K2	9 Q-R4	R-KB
10 K-B2	O-O	10 P-K3	P-B4
11 R-K2	P-Q5	11 R-R4	R-R4
12 Kt-P4	Kt-P4	12 R-B2	R-B2
14 Kt-Kt	QxKt		

(a) The invention of Dr. Tarrasch, and used by him with great success in the Petrograd tournament. The object is to force the king to move to P-Q5.

(b) A mistake; White's attack cannot now be sustained, excepting by the loss of the exchange.

(c) There seems nothing better.

(d) If 12. Q-KR3, B-B2 followed by Q-R-Q4, White's object is to force the king to move for

the three passed pawns.
(f) A last desperate chance: if ... ♗, BxP and Qc6, then Qa6b and mate in two.

PROBLEM BY ♛ COATES.
BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in four moves.

1 D-K6	K-Q5	1 K-K4
2 K-Q5	K-K4	2 K1-Q3, etc.
3 K-K3, etc.		

1 K-K5
2 K1-Q3, etc.

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